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Indianapolis, Ind. – Public safety officials and community leaders gathered today for the Governor's Summit on Homeland Security, hosted by the Indiana Counter-Terrorism and Security Council (C-TASC).

Attendees of today's conference learned what national and local experts have to say about victim outreach, bio-terrorism, criminal justice, emergency response, facility security, legal and policy issues, and local issues.

"This is an example of what we must be doing in terms of terrorism preparedness and response," said Lt. Governor Joe Kernan, who serves as chairman of C-TASC and was the opening speaker at the summit. "We need to keep communicating with each other – sharing ideas and best practices – in order to discourage potential terrorists from striking here and, in the event that they do, be ready to recover and move forward."

The mission of C-TASC is to develop and implement a comprehensive state strategy to address terrorism in Indiana. C-TASC serves as Indiana's liaison to the new federal Office of Homeland Security and works with public safety departments and agencies, state and local governments, and private entities to:

- Determine the state strategy for detecting, preparing for, preventing, protecting against, responding to, and recovering from terrorist threats or attacks;
- Periodically review and coordinate revisions to that strategy as deemed necessary;
- Be a collection point for information pertaining to terrorist threats or activities within Indiana;
- Ensure, to the extent permitted by law, all appropriate and necessary intelligence and law enforcement information relating to Indiana security is disseminated to and exchanged among appropriate departments and agencies responsible for security; and
- Share this information with the public when security permits.

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